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ING A FLUID CONDUIT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the Abstract as filed and substitute therefor the attached revised Abstract.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification in accordance with the attached revised Specification.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-13 and add new claims 14-31.

14. (NEW) Apparatus for determining the presence of a fluid conduit at a predetermined location and at least one characteristic of the contents of said fluid conduit, said apparatus comprising a light source for generating radiated light in a direction towards said predetermined location, whereby when said fluid conduit is present at said predetermined location said radiated light passes in a direction through said fluid conduit, a first optical sensor for detecting said radiated light passing

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